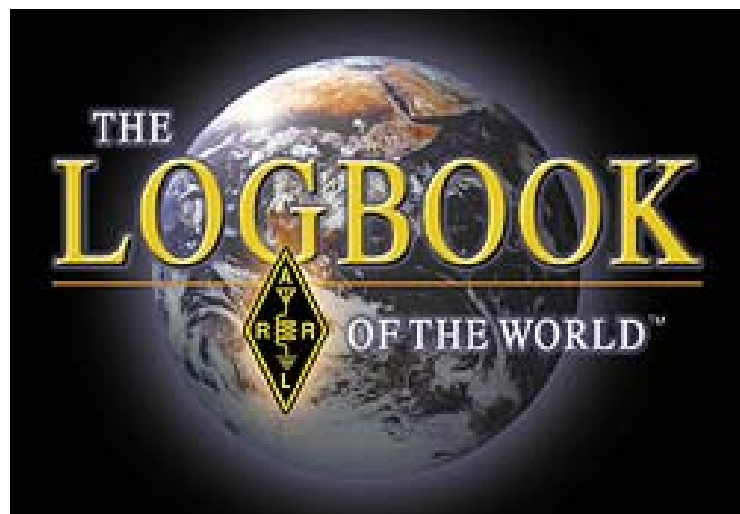
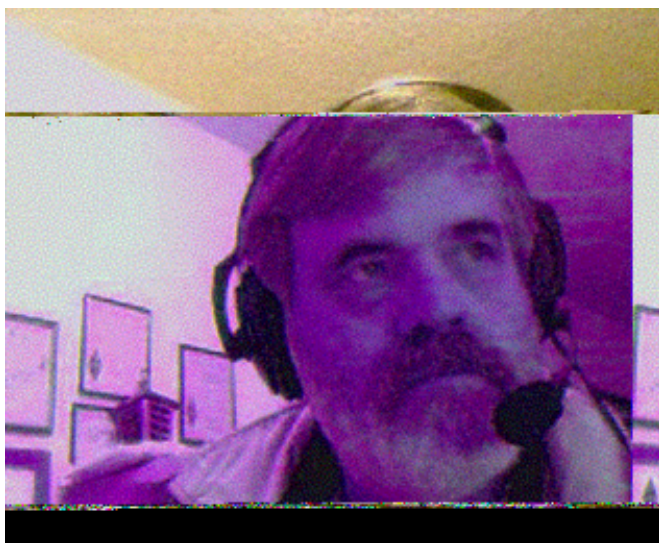


SAN DIEGO DX CLUB BULLETIN



April 2004



Now that the peak of the latest sunspot cycle has come and gone, quieter times leave us with reflection and QSLing. In addition to the old fashioned ways, there have been some introductions of electronic means with which we are able to collect and tally our various contacts. ARRL (the League) has initiated its version, LoTW - Log of the World. WN6K, Paul Dorey will discuss how he is using the LoTW at the April 2004 meeting.

Join us at
The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
April 28, 2004 - Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M

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A Word From The Prez by John, K6AM



The Visalia convention planning is done and everything is set to go. Lotsa fun and interesting stuff again this year. The Saturday lunch is back at US Tower and is now included in the registration. The Saturday night banquet has a dress code this year - Hawaiian shirts! Plenty of great prizes for the raffle winners too. All the details at the SCDXC web site.

Elections are coming up in June. We will have a meeting of the nominating committee in May to come up with a slate. Anyone with a desire to join the board of directors in some capacity and give something back to your club needs to speak up now. Come see me at this month's meeting and we'll put your name in the hat.

Just in case you've been in hiding, the BPL boys are on the verge of possibly wiping out ham radio on the HF bands. There are two things you can do. You can donate to the ARRL BPL fund and you can submit comments to the FCC. You will find guidance on how to best proceed at the ARRL web site. Do it now. There is very little time left.

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

SDDXC Top Ten!!

John Barcroft K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 30 METERS

4/04	4/03	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	40	?	?	316	-
2.	2.	K6AM		303	306	308	-
3.	3.	W6KUT	40	266	266	295	-
4.	4.	K6TQ	39	293	293	293	-
5.	5.	N6ND	40	75	75	291	-
6.	6.	N6AW	40	215	216	228	-
7.	8.	N7CW	37	123	123	227	+17
8.	7.	N6CW	37	74	74	219	-
9.	9.	K6ZH	33	167	167	209	+6
10.	10.	K6XT	35	?	?	194	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 15 METERS

4/04	4/03	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6EUF			318	333	339 -
2.	2.	N6ND	40		220	229	336 -
3.	3.	N6CW	40		288	288	334 -
4.	4.	W6KUT	40		297	324	333 -
5.	5.	K6AM			320	326	332 -
6.	6.	N6AW	40		303	318	321 -
7.	7.	W6SHY	40		305	309	321 -
8.	8.	W6YOO	40		309	313	313 +4
9.	9.	N6XJ			201	211	304 -
10.	10.	N7CW	40		204	204	295 +8

No big upsets this year with light reporting on both 30 and 15 meters. I gotta think there are some good jumps out there just waiting to get reported on these bands. While 15 is starting to go to sleep for a while, 30 remains a very good band. The 3B9C boys are consistently loud and 3B9 is about as far away as you can get from here. If you haven't yet, give 30 a try. As the higher bands close down, a lot of the action should move down here. Remember, new ones sometimes don't stay long on 30, nor do they always get spotted. You just gotta camp out at the bottom of the band and lay in wait.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, the other WARC bands, 160 and RTTY. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. My email address is k6am@arrl.net or bring 'em to the meeting.

DUES Are DUE!!

They are due. That's why they call them DUES. Hey! Give your Treasurer a break, get out your checkbook, make out a check for \$10.00 to SDDXC and send it to Harry A. Hodges, W6YOO, 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715. And while you are at it, think about going for multiple years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 31, 2004

Balance as of Feb 29, 2004:	\$2,134.47
Income:	
Regular Dues:	80.00
TOTAL:	80.00
Expenses:	
Speaker's Cup	12.93
TOTAL:	12.93
Balance as of Mar 31, 2004:	\$2,201.54
Petty Cash on Hand:	20.00
Total of Checking and Petty Cash:	\$2,221.54

MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2004

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive at Murphy Canyon Road, on Wednesday, March 24, 2004. President John, K6AM called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 30 members and guests present.

Unfortunately for those dining, the restaurant experienced a minor glitch that closed down the kitchen. The salad bar remained open and there was soup and other hot side dishes available so no one went hungry. The owner was sincerely apologetic and passed out discount coupons to be used at our next meeting.

As usual, the DX Roundtable covered many interesting subjects from Heil Sound refurbishing headsets for a reasonable price to the length of time to obtain a QSL. Comments were made about the various ongoing and scheduled Dxpeditons. The DX Ladder was passed around for updating by the members.

President John, K6AM, presented The Top Ten Awards for 15 and 30 meters with W6EUF and W6YA leading the pack in the respective categories.

Vice President Jim, K6ZH announced that the presenter for April would be Paul, WN6K on the subject Log Book of the World.

Secretary/Treasurer Harry, W6YOO brought up the fact that several member's dues were still due. He stated that "invoices" would be sent out the beginning of April.

The subject of the International DX Convention in Visalia was discussed and SDDXC's participation.

Terry, N6CW in which he discussed his quest for DXCC on "The Magic Band", Six Meters, presented the evening's program. This arduous journey spanned more that 25 years with breaks for lows in the sun spot cycle. Not only did we learn just how difficult it is to make the 100 plus QSOs with a hundred plus different entities, but how hard it is to get them confirmed. And also stressed was the importance of Location, Location, Location. A great program!

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO

Secretary/Treasurer

THEY'RE GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!

As of March 31, 2004, the following members have not paid their 2004 dues and have been placed on inactive status. If you regularly communicate with any of these individuals, please encourage them to send in their dues.

K6AIL, W5BN, N6CY,
N6DDF, K7JJ, KG6KTT,
W6KY, KB5MY, XE1NW,
KC6NXZ, K6PO, N8WP,
N5ZO

Dennis, N6KI presented his "amigo" Jose "Pepe" Lozano XE2MX with his Honor Roll Plaque.

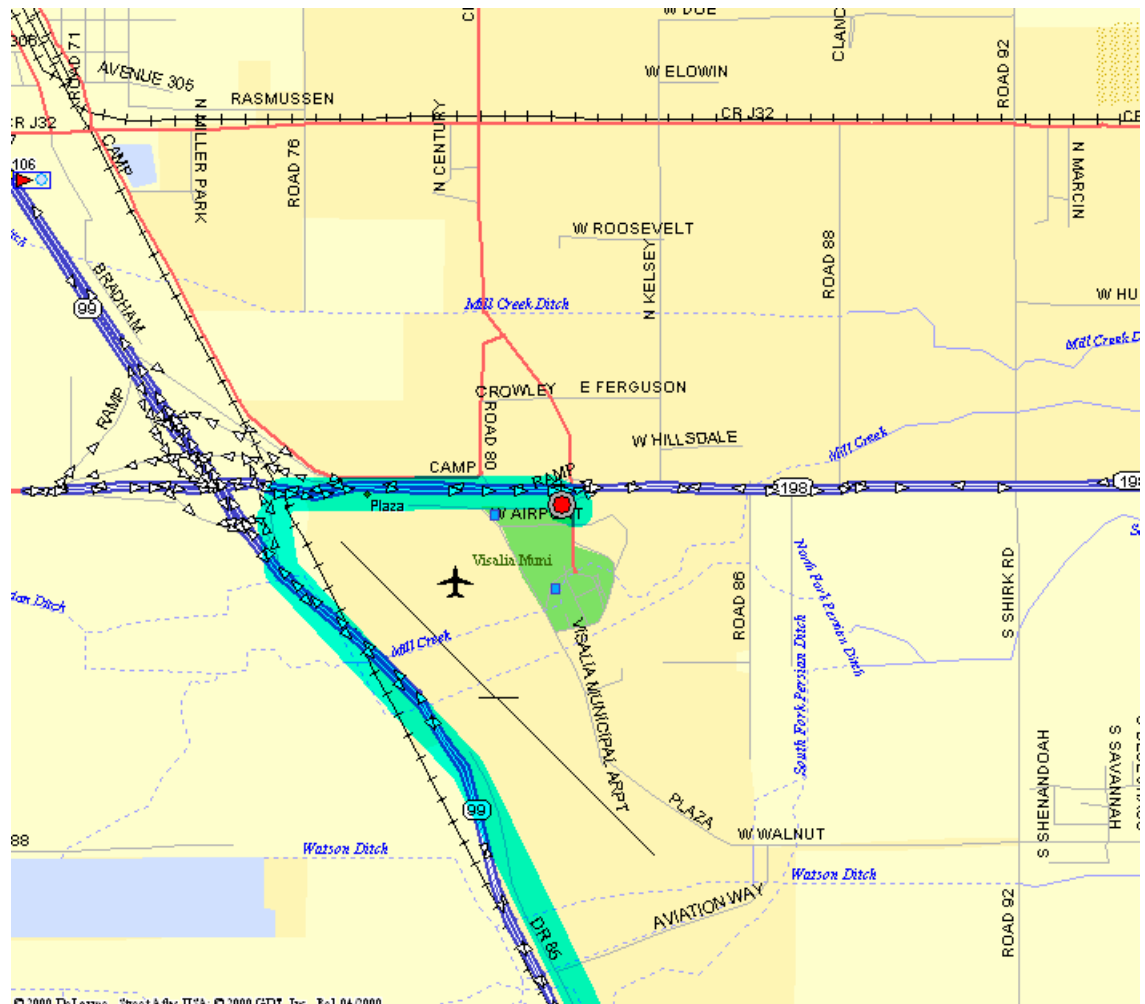
Although Pepe is not a member of the DX Club, in the past he has hosted many DX club members at his station in Ensenada and has even hosted the infamous Marti Lane OH2BH.

Pepe has always operated a modest station and seldom used an amplifier.

According to some, he is one of the best CW Ops in Mexico.



**I-5 to Bakersfield
Take 99 to Visalia
Exit at Route 198**



Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

Frequency	Call	Mode	Other Info
144.415	QRZ?	Simplex	Voice announcing and chat frequency.
144.950	KM6K	Packet	San Diego Central
145.690	K6KT	Packet	North County inland

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use their equipment.



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